

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of the Examiner mailed June 24, 2009. Claims 1-12 have been allowed. By this Amendment, only allowed claims 1-12 remain pending. Rejected claims 13-40, and 42-43 have been canceled without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-12 are allowed. All other claims, namely claims 13-43, have been canceled without prejudice. As such, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 25-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection. However, in order to expedite the issuance of a patent, claims 25-40 have been canceled without prejudice, rendering the rejection moot.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

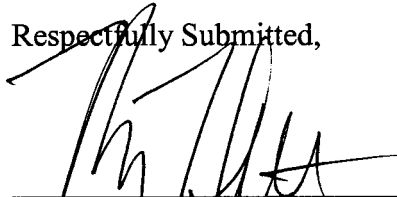
In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 13-24, 42 and 43 as being anticipated by Rosen et al (U.S. Patent No. 7,156,318). Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection. However, in order to expedite the issuance of a patent, claims 13-24, 42 and 43 have been canceled without prejudice, rendering the rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right, however, to pursue claims 13-24, 42 and 43 in a subsequently filed continuation application, if desired.

Conclusion

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In light of the above remarks, all pending claims 1-12 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. If a telephone interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at 612-359-9348.

Respectfully Submitted,



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